



**AFCFTA**

**Prosperity Africa Conference**

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Djibouti



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## TENTATIVE PROGRAM 2019

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### **Djibouti Chamber Of Commerce/ Pan African Chamber Of Commerce And Industry**

The Djibouti Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PACCI) is hosting an “*Prosperity Africa Conference*”, which will take place at Palais du Peuple / 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

The conference will feature a panel of policy makers including national and regional business leaders, as well as international and diplomatic representatives, to discuss the most important advantages, challenges and opportunities which will impact current trade and investment exchanges between African countries when the AfCFTA rules will take effect early in 2020.

Other important events, a meeting between the Pan-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the African Chamber of Commerce in Japan, a FRANCE-DJIBOUTI-ETHIOPIA Tripartite Forum, as well as "B to B" meetings will take place on the margins of the Forum on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 - Day 1**

*Palais du Peuple*

#### **8:30am – 10:00 am**

Event hosts and keynote speakers will take the stage to set the tone for this productive event:

- Mr. Youssouf MOUSSA DAWALEH, President Djibouti Chamber of Commerce and PACCI
- Mrs Barbara MANZI, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Djibouti
- Mr. Boubacar-Sid BARRY, Representant World Bank
- Mrs Vera SONGWE, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa
- M. Hassan HOUMED IBRAHIM, Minister of Trade (Djibouti)

**10:30am – 12:00**

**Panel 1: AFCTA: Challenges and opportunities for the private sector**

**Moderator:** Magteerey IBRAHIM AHMED, Economist– University of Djibouti

**Keynote Speaker:** Mrs Vera SONGWE, Executive Secretary UNECA

**Panelists:**

- Ilyas MOUSSA DAWALEH, Minister of Finances and Economy, Djibouti
- Barbara MANZI, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Djibouti
- Kent LIBISO, Member of Economic Diplomacy, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce
- Aboubaker OMAR HADI, Chairman – Djibouti Ports and Free Zones Authority
- Boubacar-Sid BARRY, World Bank Djibouti

**Thought Starters**

- Market of 1.2 billion consumers and a GDP of \$ 2,500 billion;
- Economic diversification and industrialization of Africa;
- Country specialization, see also sub-regions by industries /by skills-comparative advantages;
- Development of value chains and economies of scale;
- Competitiveness of African companies;
- Making the flow of goods and people more fluid;
- Sharing of expertise and know-how, pooling of resources;
- Infrastructure and connectivity development;
- Differences in development between countries and private sectors –need for step by step integration - support mechanism for businesses;
- Free movement of goods and services against the security and stability of countries.

**LUNCH**

**02:30 pm – 04:00 pm**

**Panel 2: Focus on Trade Facilitation**

**Moderator:** Amath Benoit GAYE–3<sup>rd</sup> vice-president, Federation of West African Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**Keynote speaker:** M.Husein Hassen, AU Commission, Acting Trade and Industry Director

**Panelists:**

- Prince Adetokunbo KAYODE, President of Abuja Chamber of Commerce
- Tilahun TEMESGEN, Chief Regional Economist, AfDB
- Tamuka MACHEKA, Vice-President of PACCI, President of Zimbabwe Chamber of Commerce
- Ali DAOUD, General Secretary, Ministry of Trade

**Thought Starters**

- Reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers to promote intra-African trade and attract direct foreign investment.
- Harmonization of origin rules per product for preferential trade liberalization.
- Encourage intra-African trade for better structural transformation and sound economic development.
- Address infrastructure issues to improve intra-regional trade flow.
- Harmonize political and trade decisions for better economic integration on the continent.
- Encourage small economies: adoption of special and differential treatment for LDCs
- Encourage intra-African exportation of manufactured goods ultimately representing a higher percentage than exports to the rest of the world.

**04:00pm – 04:30pm : Wrap-up session/ recommendations**

**7.00pm : Cocktail at Sheraton Hotel**

**4th December 2019 - Day 2**

*Palais du Peuple*

**08.00am-08.30am : Coffee/Tea business networking**

**08.30am -10.30am**

**Panel 3: Technologies and innovation for the AFCFTA**

**Session Moderator:** SamatarABDI OSMAN CTID/Djibouti

**Keynote Speaker:** Peter LUNENBORG, Expert Researcher, South Center

**Panelists:**

- Dr. Nabil Ahmed, Minister of Higher Education Djibouti
- Mohamed ASSOWEH, CEO – DJIBOUTI TELECOM
- Kwaku INSIAH,-CEO,Trade Africa Online
- Jes MARDEN, CEO, *CREATAIR*
- Kohei MUTO, CEO, *DoubleFeather*
- Jovana SAVIC, Assistant Chercheur, European Entrepreneurs CEA-PME Bruxelles

**Thought Starters**

- The presence of main submarine cables in Africa, how companies in the continent can benefit from them;
- Creation of competitiveness clusters within this field on the continent;
- Presentation of the NICT development dynamics underway in many countries on the continent;
- Opportunities in the NICT sector for companies and young people;
- Collaborative platforms and observatories for NICT trades and skills;
- African technological products available for business development (e-commerce, fintech, etc.)

**10.30am-11.00am: Coffee Break**

**11.00am-12.30pm**

**Panel 4: African private Sector funding**

**Moderator:** Kebour GHENNA, Executive Director, PACCI

**Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Cheick-Oumar SYLLA, Regional Manager, ISDB

**Panelists:**

- Ilyas MOUSSA DAWALEH, Minister of Economy and Finance - Djibouti
- Fatima FAROUK, UNDP Country Representative
- Ahmed OSMAN ALI, Governor of Central Bank - Djibouti
- Ali DAOUD, General Manager of the Development Fund – Djibouti
- James R KANAGWA, Country Representative ECOBANK

**Thought Starters**

- Financing mechanism for the implementation of the AfCFTA, how technical and financial partners will support countries;
- Financing of infrastructure to improve connectivity;
- The role of the African private sector in financing infrastructure through PPPs;
- What resources exist to help the African private sector structure itself and position itself to be heard;
- Access to finance for companies, what mechanisms, what innovative products, which resources, etc;
- Innovative payment methods for continental integration.

**12.30pm – 1.00pm: Final Remarks and Closing Addresses by:**

- M. Youssouf MOUSSA DAWALEH, Chairman, Djibouti Chamber of Commerce and PACCI
- Kebour GHENNA, Executive Director, PACCI

**Lunch**

**2:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Private Meeting - Private Sector consultation meeting**

**Chairperson:** Youssouf MOUSSA DAWALEH, Chairman of PACCI

**Co-Chair:** Dean President- Presidents of the CCI

**Participants:** Representatives of the CCI/BF

**4.00pm - 4.30pm: Writing recommendations and Adoption**

## **-A LONGSIDE EVENTS-**

**5th December 2019 : Day 3**

*Palais du Peuple*

**8.30am - 10.30am: Meeting Between the Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PACCI) And The African Chamber Of Commerce In Japan.**

**Speeches :**

- H.E. Ambassador of Djibouti at Japan
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- Mr. HASUNUMA Yoshikazu, Director, Africa Office Ministry of Economy, Trade, Industry
- President of the African Chamber of Commerce in Japan
- President of Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**Presentations of recommendations of TICAD 7**

- Intervenant –**Mr. HASUNUMA Yoshikazu, Director, Africa Office Ministry of Economy, Trade, Industry**

**10.30 am - 12.30pm : Tripartite Meeting DJIBOUTI-FRANCE-ETHIOPIA**

**Speeches :**

- H.E. Ambassador of France in Djibouti
- H.E. Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia in Djibouti
- Chairman of Djibouti Chamber of Commerce (CCD)
- H.E. Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Djibouti

**Presentations on investment opportunities and potential partnerships**

- Mrs Anne Brigitte MASSON, Economic Section Manager based in Addis Abeba– France
- Speaker – Ethiopie
- Mrs Rahma OMAR KAMIL, NIPA– Djibouti

**11.45am - 12.5pm**

**Debates and Discussions**

**12.30 am**

**Business lunch and Professional networking**

**In Parallele**

**09am- 05pm: Visits:**

- Ports of Djibouti
- FreeZones
- Djibouti Telecom
- Excursions